Genesis LHRC Meeting AUGUST 2, 2011 – FINAL Minutes

Committee:

Present: Althea Wynn, Committee Member

Joseph Motley, Committee Member Reginald Daye, Regional Advocate

Hillary Zaneveld, Office of Human Rights (guest)

Michael Stage, Committee Member

Participants: Francis Bruce, Alpha Community Services

Brenda Lomax, Community Direct Services

Walt Stone, Cornerstone Service Intervention Systems

Sandra Batiste & Gregory Marsh, Pleasant Vue

Jennifer Abney & Matthew Melvin, Hope Unity Freedom Julia Tolly & Jennifer McCracken, Individual's First

Gail Hardy-Boyd, Just People Inc. Barbara Riggs, Eggleston Services Sonya Ott, Liberty Family Services

Matthew Melvin & Sandy Igbonagwam, Hope Unity and Freedom

John Morton, Greatness in You

Absent: Stan Rockwell, Committee Member

Carol Kidd, Committee Member

Vice-Chairperson Althea Wynn called the meeting to order at approximately 9:15 am. Ms. Wynn asked that all participants introduce themselves. Ms. Wynn asked if there were any corrections to the May 3, 2011 minutes, which there were none and the minutes were approved as submitted. A motion to accept was made by Ms. Wynn and seconded by Mr. Motley. Minutes were accepted.

Advocate Remarks:

Mr. Daye began by announcing that new forms for use by providers had been approved by the state in order for all providers to begin reporting quarterly and annual updates with these forms. He would review them in depth during new business to insure familiarity and to provide copies to all present. These will also be sent by email to each provider. Mr. Daye reviewed that all providers had signed the Cooperative Agreement and provided a copy for the newest provider member in attendance to later complete upon their provisional approval. Mr. Daye introduced Hillary Zanefeld from the Office of Human Rights and informed those present that a new secretary had also been hired with only 1 position now remaining unfilled at this time. Mr. Daye introduced the newest committee member, Mr. Stage, and confirmed that Genesis was now in good standing

with a full committee represented. He requested that this position be noted as "Committee Member"

New Business

Greatness in You, a new IIHS provider, was introduced to all members and allowed to present their services in advance of seeking affiliation with the LHRC. Mr. Daye reviewed specific policy and program description's with Greatness in You and provided direction in relation to necessary revisions of the following: 1) Specific wording concerning use of behavioral management policy (remove time out) and to clarify the research policy statement. He also requested that the Rules of Conduct be clarified. A motion was made, and seconded, for approval of this provider's affiliation on condition of the completion of requested revisions and their submission prior to the next meeting.

Mrs. Boyd of Just People confirmed that their surveillance policy was now in effect with the use of video cameras in order to insure safety and protection of clients and those providing care.

Mr. Daye provided copies of and reviewed in detail the use of the quarterly and annual reporting forms to now be used by all providers beginning at the next quarterly meeting.

Old Business:

Annual 2011 Meeting Schedule (Tuesdays)
Feb 1st, May 3rd, Aug. 2nd, and Nov 1st, 2011

Public Comments:

None

Program Updates:

<u>Alpha Community Services</u> Provides residential group home services to Intellectually Disabled adults. They reported no program updates and no new sites or licensure visits. They are currently serving 8 and able to serve 15. No restraints, complaints/allegations, or suicides. (1) death reported related to medical surgery. Mr. Bruce requested affiliation for the addition of MH Support Services. The request for approval was granted.

<u>Community Direct Services</u> Provides supportive in home, and sponsored residential programs. They are currently serving 43 clients. There were no restraints, no allegations, or suicides.

Service Location Updates:

Requesting the LHRC for permanent affiliation for sites located at:

- 1. 3925 Kiwanis Loop, Virginia Beach VA 23456 operated by Marcelina Dague
- 2. 1306 Conifer Court, Virginia Beach VA 23453 operated by Sandra Crews

***The requests for approvals were granted.

<u>Cornerstone Service Intervention Systems</u> Provides Intensive In-Home counseling for children and their families. Currently serving 28. They reported no program updates and no requests for the committee. There were no restraints, no deaths or suicides.

<u>Eggleston Services</u> provides residential and day support services with four group homes, three food services sites, and mailroom. They reported no program updates, change in services (see below), 1 onsite visit by DMAS with a request for criminal background verification for one employee, no new sites, no licensure visits. They are licensed to serve 350, and are serving 325. They reported 1 physical restraint/hold (Choi method), and six (13) peer to peer allegations. They were asked to stay for closed session.

<u>Greatness in You</u> provides Intensive IN-Home Services now in the Hampton VA area and will serve up to 35. Licensure visit by Mr. Lee on July 5th, 2011.

<u>Hope, Unity, and Freedom</u> Provides a day treatment service that help individuals work on daily living skills. Currently serving 84, can serve 90. They reported no program updates, no requests for the committee. There were no restraints, no suicides or deaths. One (1) reported allegation. Asked to stay for closed session.

<u>Individual First</u> Provides residential services to Intellectually Disabled adults in the community with 4 group homes located in Virginia Beach. There were no program updates, no request for the LHRC, no restraints, complaints/allegations, and no deaths or suicides. They are currently serving 15.

<u>Just People Incorporated (JPI)</u> Provides, residential, respite, in-home and day support services to intellectually disabled adults and children in the community. They reported Gatewood now open with 4 female residents. Surveillance policy using video cameras now in effect. They are licensed to serve 24, and are serving 20. There were no restraints, no allegations or suicides. (1) Peer to peer and (1) Neglect reported. (1) death reported in June due to heart failure. They were asked to stay for closed session.

<u>Liberty Family Services</u> Provides Supportive In-Home services for adults and families. Supportive in-home is currently serving 17 clients. They reported no program updates, no requests for the committee and there were no restraints, no allegations, no deaths or suicides.

<u>Pleasante Vue</u> Provides residential services in the community to intellectually disabled adults. No program updates and no requests from the LHRC. Currently serving 4 and able to serve 5. There were no restraints, no suicides or deaths.

Closed Session:

The LHRC motioned and approved to go into closed session per section 2.2-3711.A, of the code of Virginia to discuss issues/matters exempt from public disclosure namely to review client restraints, incident reports, and abuse and/or complaint investigations of the following: Eggleston Services, Just People Inc, and Hope, Unity, & Freedom were asked to stay. A motion was made to come out of closed session. Upon reconvening into open session each member certified that only business exempt from public disclosure related to the above noted programs was discussed.

The LHRC voted to approve the following recommendations:

Eggleston Services -None made
Just People Inc - None made
Hope, Unity, & Freedom- None made

Committee adjourned at 10:25 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Walt Stone, MS August 3, 2011